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September 15, 2009

The Honorable Marjorie K. Smith
Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court, and

His Excellency, Governor John H. Lynch
and the Honorable Executive Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

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REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 144:39, II, Laws of 2009, Additional Revenues, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Community Based Care Services, Bureau of Developmental Services (BDS), to accept and expend Part C IDEA Infants & Toddlers federal funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) from the United States Department of Education, Office of Special Education in the amount of \$2,398,294 effective for the period retroactive to September 1, 2009 through September 30, 2011, and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the accounts below.

05-95-93-930010-0816 DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS, HHS: DEVELOPMENTAL SERV-DIV OF , DIV OF DEVELOPMENTAL SVCS, SERVICES FOR INFANTS & TODDLERS WITH DISABILITIES

Class/Object	Class Title	Chapter 143, Laws of 2009 Operating Budget (Decrease)	Increase/ Amount	Revised Modified Budget
SFY 2010				
000-403282	Federal Funds-ARRA stimulus	\$0.00	\$700,700.00	\$700,700.00
	General Fund	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Revenue		<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$700,700.00</u>	<u>\$700,700.00</u>
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$700.00
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$700,000.00</u>	<u>\$700,000.00</u>
Total Expense		<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$700,700.00</u>	<u>\$700,700.00</u>

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Class/Object	Class Title	Chapter 143, Laws of 2009 Operating Budget	Increase/ (Decrease) Amount	Revised Modified Budget
SFY 2011				
000-403282	Federal Funds-ARRA stimulus	\$0.00	\$1,697,594.00	\$1,697,594.00
	General Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Revenue		\$0.00	\$1,697,594.00	\$1,697,594.00
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$0.00	\$1,698.00	\$1,698.00
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$0.00	\$1,695,896.00	\$1,695,896.00
Total Expense		\$0.00	\$1,697,594.00	\$1,697,594.00

EXPLANATION

The acceptance of additional Federal revenue of \$2,398,294.00 in the DHHS budget represents funding associated with Federal stimulus funds made available by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, from the United States Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs. The New Hampshire Part C Program qualified for expanded funds to provide an opportunity for Part C Family Centered Early Supports and Services Programs to implement innovative strategies to improve outcomes for infants and toddlers birth through age three with disabilities while stimulating the economy.

Planned activities for funding include:

- Provide In-Service Training on evidence-based practices to FCESS program staff and providers
- Expand Child Find activities to ensure NH meets performance targets related to serving infants and children
- Develop Intensive Programs and Initiatives to Support and Enhance Families' Capacity
- Purchase Equipment for use by Qualified Personnel to Increase their Ability to Provide Effective Services
- Develop and Implement a Joint State Policy to Provide Early Intervention Services with other Early Childhood and Related Programs in the State.
- Support Development of High Quality State and Local Data Systems to Collect Valid and Reliable Data
- Obtain State of the Art Technology Devices and Provide Training to Qualified Personnel on the Use of the Devices
- Implement Innovative Strategies for Improving the Statewide Services Program

A legal notice seeking proposals to administer funds was published on the Department of Health and Human Services website from July 2, 2009 to July 29, 2009. Two agencies responded to this notice: Community Support Network Incorporated and Easter Seals NH. Both proposals were comprehensive and in accordance with the requirements of the request for proposals. Staff from the Department of Health and Human Services reviewed and scored the requests for proposals and, after a thorough review, Easter Seals of New Hampshire was awarded the proposal to act as the Administrative Subcontract Agency for administration of Part C IDEA ARRA Stimulus Funds pending Governor and Council approval.

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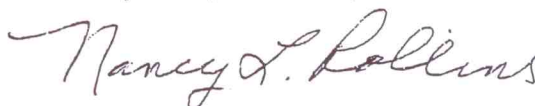
Geographic area served: Statewide.

Source of Funds being accepted: 100% Federal United States Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs Funds.

This Requested Action is retroactive to September 1, 2009, the date of the grant award. The Bureau began processing the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council request on August 20, 2009 for \$2,139,843. A subsequent award dated August 31, 2009 and received after that date increased the funds awarded to \$2,398,294, the amount requested in this letter. In addition, the proposed contractor engaged in some preliminary activities to ensure timely utilization of the ARRA funds which further supports the retroactive request. Additionally, the Requested Action is ending September 30, 2011, not September 30, 2010 the end date of the grant award. The grant award notification indicates that if any of the funds are not obligated at the end of the federal funding period they shall remain available for obligation for an additional period of 12 months. The Bureau feels that it will not be possible for all of the funds to be obligated by Sept. 30, 2010 and is therefore requesting an end date of this contract for September 30, 2011.

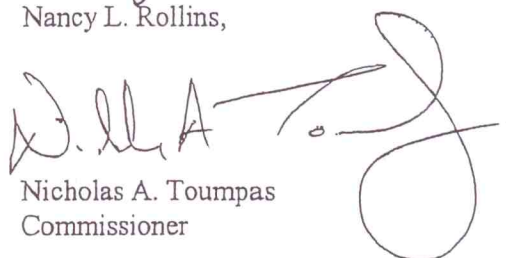
If federal funds become no longer available, general funds will not be requested to support the program expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,



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Approved by:



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Attachments (3)
Grant Award Notifications
Statutory Authority